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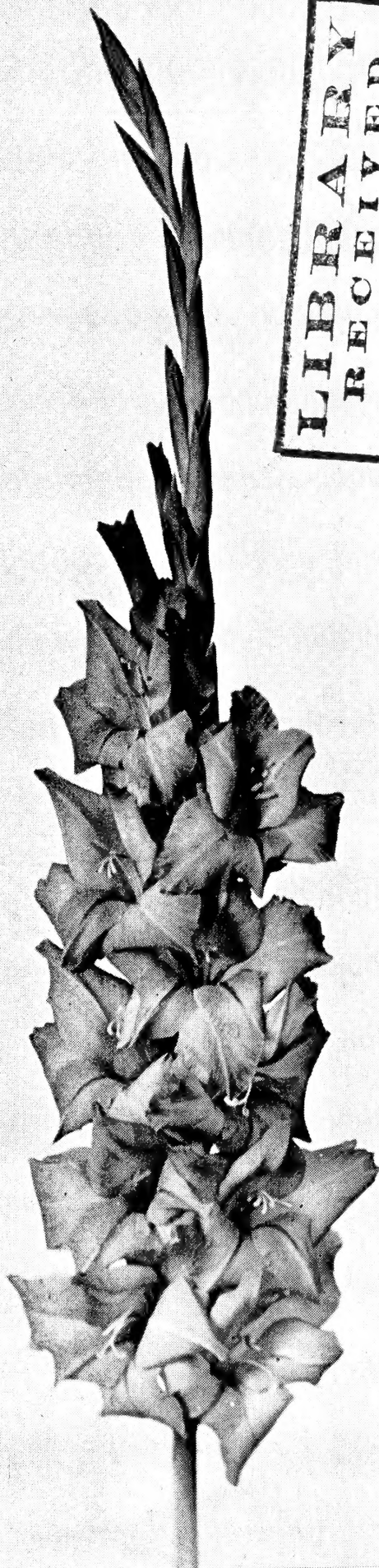
CHOCTAW

FROM THE HOME OF CHAMPIONS

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CHATTERBOX

Our customers turned in a neat trick in the way of orders in 1947. We are pleased to state this keeps us in the running and enables us to continue the introduction of high quality originations. As we devote our entire time to this work, a living has to fit in somewhere.

We could tell you better what kind of a planting and growing season we had in 1947 if we dared use that kind of language, but putting it in a mild form, it was exceptionally damp here until July 1st, then the green light for a little planting weather. Sure, we had too much damp all summer for which we are not griping as all bulblet plantings germinated strong and had it not been for an overdose of grasshoppers and rabbits keeping their lawnmowers working overtime, we would have a nice stock of all varieties we are listing. As it is, the above mentioned pests kept working on our bulblet stock to such an extent that very little of it was worth digging.

The late season again prevented us from planting enough stock of several varieties to allow listing this year. Bloom was all late and while we attended six shows we had bloom for two tail-enders in September, at which our winnings ran very high in blues and specials, with four champion and sectional champions.

1948 releases, "OUR THREE AMERICAN INDIANS", Choctaw, Cheyenne and Pocahontas are very worthwhile introductions that are perfectly capable of winning in their color sections at any show. Doubt if we will have enough stock to go around, which will also apply to "OUR THREE DUSKY MAIDENS", 1947 releases, Mexicali Rose, South Seas and Hula Hula. From reports received, our 1947 releases performed well and were well liked by our customers and we are sure our 1948'ers will duplicate or better.

We grow only our own originations and never have enough, so please do not write us asking for varieties not listed here.

CANADIAN ORDERS--We regret to say we will be unable to handle them this year.

1948 RELEASES

CHOCTAW

TREASURY GOLD X JANET

(Bloomed in 85 days in 1947)...Sdlg., No. OK-293...Very beautiful shade of light chocolate with light overcast of orange. R.O. blotch. Well open, not hooded. Shows in the 490 A.O.C. class and if well grown will run over the 5½ in., floret. Formal type, 10 open, 22 to 24 buds, straight ramrod stem, very strong attachment, excellent placement on large majority of spikes, 60 in., overall, 28 in. head, blts. near 100% germination. At last fall digging we dug 10 large bulbs carefully and they averaged 96 bulblets each.

GET THIS---Last spring the bulblets of Choctaw--planted late--had little sprouts showing through the hulls in dry bags in our bulb house. We have spoken of this to a number of our older growers, none of whom have ever experienced or heard of such blt. performance.

Choctaw has been shown only four times, for all blue ribbons. Ohio State Sdlg. & R.I. show, first. Chagrin Falls, first. East Liverpool, first and sect. champion 1946. East Liverpool, first 1947. At Chagrin Falls and East Liverpool competing with open class.

Heavy straight up dark green crinkly foliage with 12-13 leaves, two inches across. Has been tested for several years and leaves no guess work as to its ability. We can assure you that this young Indian will do a lot of winning in the A.O.C. class. Picture on front cover. No. 2, \$4.00; No. 4, \$3.00; No. 6, \$2.00; Blts., each \$0.40 or 10 for \$3.50. Blts. are of good size, run over 4 mesh to the inch screen.

CHEYENNE

RED LORY X COMMANDER KOEHL

(80 days in 1947)...Sdlg. No. 58-Z. Big wide open ruffled scarlet, a much improved Southern Drama. Not hooded. In size just inside the 500 class but not quite as large as Southern Drama with more open and good formal type, tall straight ramrod stem, strong attachment with seldom an off-faced floret. Many florists are using Southern Drama and Cheyenne should take its place as a show and cut flower and should do a lot of winning once it gets in the shows. Healthy dark green upright foliage. 9 to 10 open, 20 buds with good stretch of flowerhead and ample cut stem, overall height 60 inches. Good blt. production of very high percentage germination. This one should please all. No. 5, \$3.00; Blts., \$0.50 each or 5 for \$2.00. Bulblets screened over a 4 mesh to the inch screen.

POCAHONTAS

PURPLE SUPREME X MALAY CHIEF

(85 days in 1947)...Sdlg. M-183. Like Purple Supreme in type, markings, reproduction and all except color which is a beautiful shade of old rose. Not quite as long cut stem as P. Supreme but ample. P. Supreme carries an excess of cut stem. Many who have seen Pocahontas like it much better than P. Supreme and we are sure it will be a better commercial and that's saying a lot. If it wins just one-half the amount of blue ribbons that P. Supreme has it will still be a wonder and from our careful check on it the past few years we have no hesitancy in placing it ahead of Purple Supreme. 5½ inch floret--showing in 400 class--8 to 10 open, 6 in color, 21 buds, 26 inch head, 62 inches overall, formal type, healthy upright dark green foliage. We are truly fond of this fine Indian maid and our customers would do well to get in on a start this year. No 6, \$3.00; Blts., each \$0.50 or 5 for \$2.00. Blts. also run over a 4 mesh to the inch screen.

1947 INTRODUCTIONS

MEXICALI ROSE

CHARLES DICKENS X JANET

(About 85 days)...Nearest black rose of today. Very brilliant eye burner under artificial light. Well liked by all and gave us a wonderful performance the past summer under bad conditions. Nicely ruffled, wide open, not hooded in the least. 5½ inch, 9 to 10 open, good formal type and placement, 22 buds, 26 inch head, 55 inches overall, excellent substance and very strong attachment, straight ramrod stem, good reproducer. A fine commercial in this color. Blue ribbon winner in 1946 at Tri-State. This one is real class that you should be growing. We ran short last year, so stock is not too plentiful now. No. 3, \$4.50; No. 6, \$3.00; Blts., each \$0.60.

SOUTH SEAS

GRAY PHANTOM X VAGABOND PRINCE

(85 days in 1947)...Big 500 class orange gray or light slate with deep orange and yellow blotch. Very out of the ordinary in color. Making a hit with all who have grown it. Sold well last year on introduction, principally through a fine color slide shown by Herbert Evans. 6 inch floret, 8 open, 20 buds, 28 inch head, 65 inch overall. Very strong attachment, straight ramrod stem, very good placement on good average. A top notch smoky for the smoky fancier. First at Ohio State, Cleveland in 1946. Second three spike

at East Liverpool ,1947, beaten only by our own first and sectional champion 3 spike Flying Fortress. A real novelty that should step up in the shows with large bulbs in circulation. Large, \$7.00; Medium, \$5.00; Small, \$3.00; blts., each \$0.75.

HULA HULA

GRAY PHANTOM X VAGABOND PRINCE

(About 85 days)...A difficult smoky to describe, we still can't find the spot on the color chart that clicks with it. Sort of an orange gray with violet and orange blotch. Now if you can do any better you have our blessing. We like it. Do you? Or don't you? You can find out. Very good performer. 5½ inch, 12 or more open with good formal type, 23 buds, 27 inch head, 56 inches overall. First both one and three spike at Tri-State, 1946. Missed 1947 shows. Makes a pleasure spike to look at from crown to toe nails. A rare novelty and exhibition Glad. Just a fair propagator and should be withheld this year to build stock but we will loosen up on No. 4, \$5.00; No. 6, \$3.00; Blts., each, \$0.75.

1946 RELEASES

GLENOLDEN

PEGGY LOU X CHRISTOBEL

(About 85 days)...Big clear chamois with yellow over buff throat. Good show and commercial. Over 95% of florets make only one lip Good propagator and blt. germinator. A real beauty in a most pleasing color. A 500 class formal blue ribbon winner. Very strong straight stem. Strong attachment. Placement averaging very good. Stock not so large this year as blt. planting was almost completely ruined by grasshoppers. Think we can fill most orders. Medium, \$1.25; Small, \$0.90; Blts., 2 for \$0.35.

CHUNGKING

PEGGY LOU X CHRISTABEL

(About 75 days)...Very large orange and cream. Yellow lip with crimson feather. This is becoming a very popular and likeable Glad with fine reports from all who have grown it. Florists are liking it in a big way and it has what it takes to handle show ribbons also. 7 inch floret, 8 open, 7 in color, 21 buds, 30 inch head, 65 inches overall. Customers report 6 inch floret from number 5-6 bulbs. Formal type, strong straight stem, strong attachment and good propagator. One of the really good 1946 introductions you shouldn't be caught without. Has bloomed out of show dates for us. Took first for a customer at W. Va. in 1947 from a medium bulb. Large, \$2.00; Medium, \$1.40; Small, \$0.90; Blts., 2 for \$0.30.

CHARMOLUCK

PEGGY LOU X MOTHER MACHREE

(About 85 days)...Clean ruffled orange buff with creamy yellow throat, with small picotee border of violet, not noticeable in subdued light. A real charmer that has won its blues including first Ohio State Sdlg. and R.I. show and first both one and three spike at East Liverpool, 1947. Here is a glad that is really taking hold. As a cut flower it is hard to beat in this color. 5 inch floret, 9 open, 19 buds, 27 inch head, 70 inches overall, strong straight stem, not hooded, very strong attachment. Your answer for both beauty and quality. Large, \$2.00; Medium, \$1.50; Small, \$1.00; Blts., 2 for \$0.35.

NATALIE ANNE

PEGGY LOU X J. S. BACH

(About 70 days)...Large rose self except for small orange blotch. Very clean, no flecking. Almost a light orange. Has always performed well for us and was extra fine the past difficult summer. A very good commercial with show winning ability. 5½ inches, 7 open, 19 buds, 26 inch head. 60 inches overall. Strong straight stem. Good reproducer. Small, \$1.00; Blts., 3 for \$0.25.

1945 RELEASES

VICTORY QUEEN

(About 90 days)...A big pastel beauty that by now hardly needs any description. Very clean, no flecking and a well open, ruffled live salmon. More color than most pastels. Seldom makes more than one spike from any size bulb. Good supply of large blts. Blue ribbon winner and champion, also color champion at two shows. If you want beauty plus, be sure you have Victory Queen, hard to beat for color champion at any show. We are sold too deep into our planting reserve every year. 6 inch floret, 8 open, 30 inch head, 65 inches overall. Medium, \$0.70; Blts., 2 for \$0.15.

OKLAHOMA

LAVENDER RUFFLES X MARMORA

(About 90 days)...The 400 class marvelous smoky beauty queen that to the best of our knowledge has only failed once to place in the blue ribbons. Well ruffled wide open pinkish lilac. a color that gets 'em all. Stiff straight ramrod stem equally strong at both ends, strong attachment,

very good propagator. Has won many blue ribbons. In 1947 alone at Tri-State, first both one and three spike. Ohio State, first and second in class and sect. champion. East Liverpool, first both one and three spike and sect. champion. Binghamton first. Other show reports incomplete at this time. Always a very dependable good performer for us. Sales of Oklahoma have been extra good. Medium, \$0.55; Small, \$0.30; Blts., 3 for \$0.20.

LAKE PLACID

MAMMOTH WHITE X YELLOW PERFECTION

(About 90 days)...Large creamy white with light yellow throat. A 500 class glad that has done well in the shows in a class that is well provided for. Cut flower growers are quite enthusiastic and claiming it a 100% cutter that brings top prices. We were about cleaned out of bulbs when last years selling season ended so our stock is not large now. Medium, \$0.50; Small, \$0.25; Blts., 2 for \$0.15.

SNOW MOUNTAIN

COLOSSUS X PEARL NECKLACE

(About 70 days)...One of the really big clear whites. Has a clear light yellow throat marking that disappears after cutting. Beautifully ruffled and fluted of a distinctly different type from any other large white or cream. Slightly recurved petals and not hooded. We have shown it at several shows in the past few years and it has not failed to take the blue ribbon for us. Really a sensational white. The beauty of the individual floret takes the breath of everyone who sees it. Crooks some and has some bad placement but a percentage does come straight and good, these for your winners. Show champion, longest flowerhead (29 inches), largest floret (7½ inches) at New Jersey in 1946. At Ohio State Sdlg. and R.I. show in 1947 in class of 10 of our present day leading 500 class whites and creams, Snow Mountain took the blue. Other wins prior to 1946. For a real thrill this year, grow a few Snow Mountain. Good propagator but blts. are not large. Small, \$0.35; Blts., 2 for \$0.25.

TONY

VAGABOND PRINCE X ROSE DEFIANT

(About 90 days)...Very large clean light, chocolate but several shades darker than Choctaw and showing in the mammoth class. Contrasting orange blotch. Picotee border of cream. A very persistent winner in its class. Good propagator with blts, of easy germination. Grows to near 6 foot with floret up to 7 inches. Stretchy flower-head with 7 open. If you like the dark colors, this one you should have. They all like it, besides your chances for blue ribbons are extra good. Medium, \$0.75; Small, \$0.35; Blts., 3 for \$0.20.

1943 INTRODUCTIONS

FLYING FORTRESS

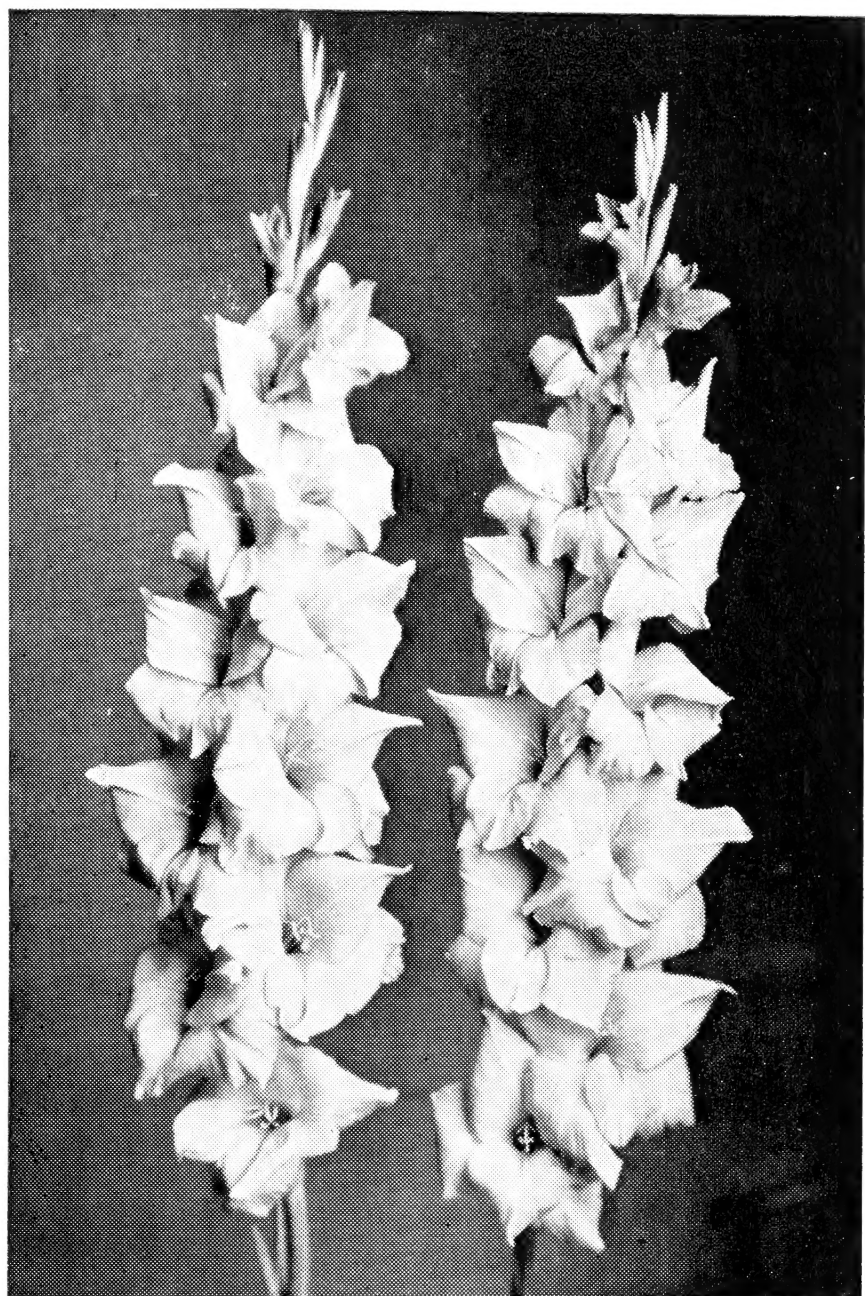
PEGGY LOU X MARMORA

(About 90 days) King of the big smokies. Formal type 12 to 14 open, 36 inch head, 21 buds, 60 inches overall. Reports of 8½ inch floret. We get 8 inches. We can not take the space here to give all winnings. 1947 winnings that we know of, we took six spikes all with 12-13 open to East Liverpool show and entered in four classes, winning first one spike, first 3 spike, this also sec., champion, most open florets (13) and largest floret. All six spikes like peas in a pod with fine placement. Also first at Cortland, N.Y. For past few years has held the high score of 92 at the Ohio State shows. When fairly well grown the Fort will strangle you. Color is a beautiful shade of soft lavender gray with small attractive blotch. Medium, \$0.50; Small, \$0.30; Blts., 3 for \$0.20.

GRACIE ALLEN

OHIO NONPAREIL X MARMORA

(About 80 days)...Very clear deep red scarlet self. Formal type with excellent placement on almost every spike. Outstanding commercial. 5½ inch floret, 8 open, 20 buds, 27 inch head, 60 inches overall. Has done well in the shows and should be more extensively grown. Healthiest bulb we have ever grown. Medium, \$0.50; Small, \$0.25; Blts., 2 for \$0.15.



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LARIME

TANGERINE X MARMORA

(About 90 days)...Still one of the best formal type oranges with a blotch. Has always made top show spikes for us, winning many blue ribbons and championships. A 400 class Glad. Grown and admired by many. If not in your planting, it should be. Medium, \$0.75; Small, \$0.50; Blts., 10 for \$0.30.

JACK POT

JANET X MOTHER MACHREE

(About 90 days)...Large ruffled wide open self plum. Very choice color and a dependable good performer of real merit. Has won many blue ribbons. 6 inch floret, 8 open, 19 buds, 58 inches overall, nice stretchy head with excellent placement. Medium, \$0.75; Small, \$0.50; Blts., each \$0.10.

TUNISIA

COMMANDER KOEHL X PEGGY LOU

(About 80 days)...Large formal bronze red. Very good under artificial light. Formal type. Easily placed on the show table with 10 to 12 open. Among other winnings, most open at Ohio State, Cleveland in 1944. Sectional Champion and reserve champion at Ohio State, Cleveland in 1946, beaten only by Evangeline an extra well grown spike by Clarence Fortnam and on the second ballot by five judges. A close shave. No question this is a great show Glad that should be grown and shown by more fanciers. We do not think you would regret it and the price is now down to where you can secure a good start in blts., and we have a good stock of all but number 5 and 6 bulbs. A very good producer of blts., of easiest germination. Commercial growers are just beginning to discover Tunisia. Large, \$0.75; Medium, \$0.50; Small, \$0.25; Blts., 10 for \$0.50.

DRUM MAJOR

COMMANDER KOEHL X TANGERINE

(About 85 days)...This choice big orange has been well received and sold well, winning its share of blue ribbons and doing extra well as a cut flower. Many are growing it now. Personally we prefer Larime for our orange as flower-head is better formal type for us. Large, \$0.75; Medium, \$0.50; Blts., 5 for \$0.25.

We are not listing Daniel Boone, Skyline and several more of our very good originations owing to over selling last year and we wish to catch up on stock, if such is possible.

Picture on outside back of this list is seedling number 230-K and will be introduced in 1949 under the name "GLORIOUS" and why not, don't you think it just that? We make bold to state there is no Glad today that can beat it in the 300 section or possibly any other section. A rich deep salmon beauty. Picture shows 27 buds but one more pushed out the next day to make it twenty-eight Stretchy 28 inch flower head. In size, it runs right up to the 4½ inch floret. First Ohio State, Cleveland, first both one and three spike, the three spike was sectional champion showing seedlings and named varieties together at Chagrin Falls in 1946. First one spike seedling and our three spike was sect. champion, division champion and champion three spike of the show and was entered in the open class at East Liverpool in 1947. Only times shown. Only thing to stop this glad from winning is inability to catch show dates with bloom.

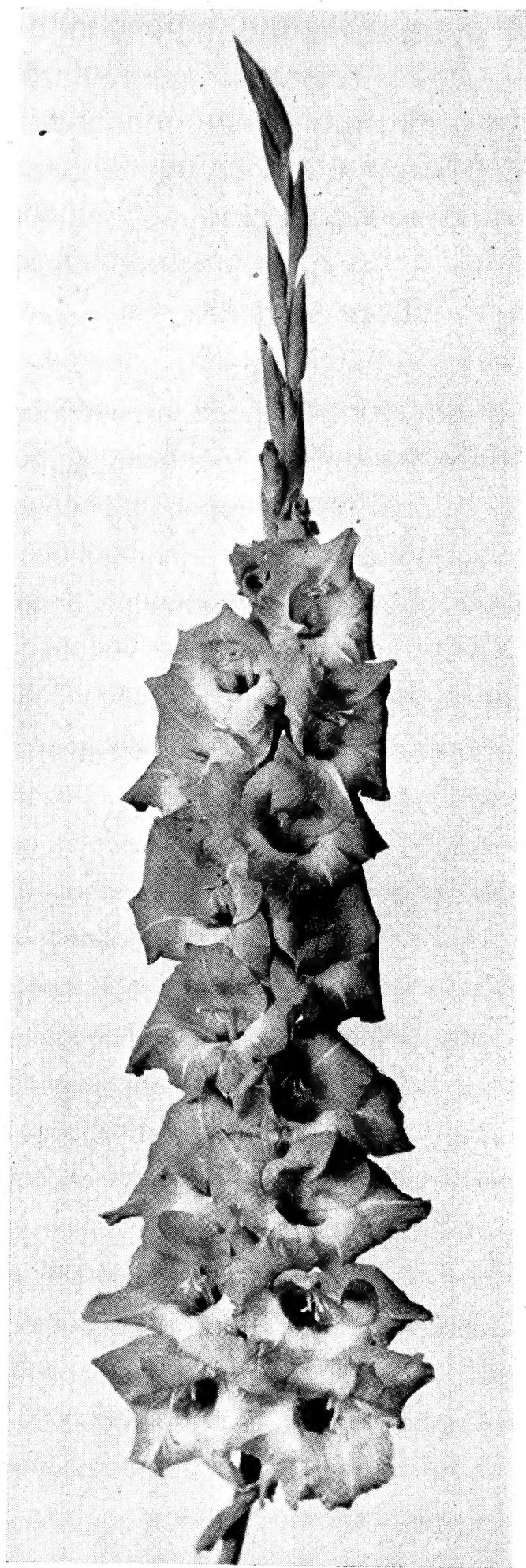
We would have introduced GLORIOUS this year had not vermin destroyed all the stock from blts., planted. We may be unable to fill orders other than to 1948 customers in 1949.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

When ordering this season if you will give us the names of all Wilson originations you now have, it will greatly assist us in giving extras when making up your order.

While most all Wilson originations are good germinators from bulblets we do not guarantee germination as there are too many factors to cause reverses.

All orders are shipped prepaid and in reasonably safe weather unless otherwise requested and then at purchasers risk.



GLORIOUS